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THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES IS TRANSMITTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION THROUGH THE EMBASSY WARDEN SYSTEM AS A PUBLIC SERVICE TO AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THE PHILIPPINES. PLEASE DISSEMINATE THIS MESSAGE TO ALL U.S. CITIZENS IN YOUR ORGANIZATION OR NEIGHBORHOOD. THANK YOU.

Exercise Your Right to Vote

******The General Election is November 4, 2008******

If you haven't registered to vote abroad by filling out a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA), please do so as soon as possible.

How do I register to vote, or apply for an absentee ballot?

The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) is accepted by all states and territories as an application for registration and for absentee ballot. The FPCA is postage-paid in the U.S. mail, including the Military Postal System, and State Department Pouch mail. An online version of the FPCA is available at the FVAP website, www.fvap.gov. The online form must be completed, printed, signed, dated and mailed to your Local Election Official. The online form must be mailed in an envelope with proper postage, or using the prepaid return envelope. All States and Territories except American Samoa and Guam accept the OFPCA.

I would like to vote but don't know how. Where can I find assistance?

Information on applying for absentee registration and a ballot is available in the [Voting Assistance Guide](#). You will find PDF versions of the *Guide* as well as other voting related information and links on the FVAP website: www.fvap.gov. Voting Assistance Officers assigned to units at military installations and at each U.S. embassy or consulate have a copy of the Guide to assist you in completing the FPCA. U.S. citizen organizations overseas and many corporate offices of U.S. companies also have copies of the Guide available. Other overseas citizens may request these materials by contacting the FVAP directly at vote@fvap.ncr.gov.

Do I have to be registered to vote absentee?

Registration requirements vary from state to state. States and territories allow voters to register and request an absentee ballot by submitting a single FPCA during the election year. Information about individual state requirements may also be found at www.fvap.gov

For general information on voting abroad, check the Federal Voting Assistance Program website: <http://www.fvap.gov> For further inquiries related to voting, please contact Embassy voting assistance officers in the American Citizen Services section at 301-2000, extension 2246 or by email at ACSInfoManila@State.gov